

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Dear FCC:

I find that the current operations of the condensed, consolidated, and centralized method of broadcasting in the United States of America is absurd. Due to the condensed, consolidated, and centralized method of today's broadcasting leaves room for NO competition. It leaves room for NO expression of NEW ideas and the passing of information and knowledge of information from the North, East, West, and the South. Simply stated the NEWS.

Information, news, and views can not travel from the many and various diverse places in this land of free speech!

The locally owned and operated media outlets-TV stations and newspapers provide a means of employment and opportunity for local talent to work and provide income for themselves versus chain or network-owned properties.

I have 11-years experience in radio, television, and film. I also have 12 experience in the aerospace industry. Since former President George H. W. Bush reduced the size of the budget in the Space Station Program, that action left me without a professional sense of employment. Additionally, 2,000 of my fellow Johnson Space Center employees were left out of their jobs as well. Now, due to the condensed, consolidated, and centralized method of modern-day broadcasting, I do not have a job for which I am trained and qualified to fill or fallback on!

I also believe that the FCC's suggestion that broadcast TV isn't as important a source of information as it once was, given the "proliferation of outlets" is not true. Broadcast Television IS an important source of news and information and should NOT be the source for infotainment!

I firmly believe that the larger media companies indeed weaken diverse reporting and analysis. In fact, limits the voice of all in the United States of America.

Additionally, the consolidation of radio, television, and news medias have affected the quality of local, national, and international reporting by limiting the limiting the thought and the voice of the people. The consolidated media concentration has diminished the ability of the news media to engage in a critical "watchdog" role over private and public interests!

As I see it, it is a misnomer that the explosion in outlets would bring about an increase in media owned or controlled by persons of color and women according to Michael Powell. 2. Cable television has not contributed to program diversity, with real alternatives of genre and scope. Cable television has fragmented society with respect to program diversity and alternatives of genre and scope. 3. Commonly owned media have not provided "stronger incentives to provide diverse formats, programs, and content. And finally, there are not an "ever increasing number of alternative providers of delivered video programming. It is all controlled by the condensed, consolidated, and centralized method of broadcasting in the United States of America today.

With reference to my background in broadcasting and sociology, my recommendations for determining diversity, the Federal Communications Commission, should not count every web site and cable channel available; however, the Federal Communications Commission should it be more focused on the most powerful and dominant outlets. The best suggestion for the FCC is to return to the limits on how much radio and television stations that a sole proprietorship or corporation could own.